GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF STATE TEXTILE MINISTERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of State Textile Ministers was held in Delhi to discuss the issues confronting the textile industry;

(b) whether this meeting was convened especially in the wake of recent turmoil in the textile industry;

(c) if so, the main issues discussed in the meeting along with the names of participating States;

(d) whether any composite view came up in the meeting to avoid the problems arising due to WTO agreement;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any strategy for Tenth Five Year Plan was also discussed in the meeting; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) to (g) A conference of State/UT Ministers incharge of Textiles was held on 10th April, 2001 to discuss issues important for the effective implementation of National Textile Policy, 2000 and for preparing the industry for global competition and for the post MFA challenges. The Representatives from all the States and Union Territories attended the conference except Himachal Pradesh, Chattishgarh, Daman & Diu, Dadar & Nagar Haweli and Lakshadweep.

The discussion centered around the Agenda for the meeting, which included items regarding implementation of programmes and taking of decisions relating to Apparels, Powerlooms, Silk, Jute, Handicraft and Handloom Sectors. The Conference adopted a set of recommendations for taking action on matters raised in the Agenda that would lead to a strengthening of the Industry. It was inter-alia resolved in the conference that the Central Government as well as Governments of States and Union Territory Administrations would make concerted efforts to develop all segments of textile industry and enable them to realise their full potential. No specific decision was taken regarding the strategy for the Tenth Five Year Plan; however, programmes and initiatives taken in the current year are likely to be carried into the Tenth Plan.